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Jordan-Israel: The US ambassador in Amman fears that recent Israeli overflights indicate another major Israeli reprisal attack against Jordan is imminent. The overflights have probably served Israel the double purpose of seeking out terrorist bases and of flaunting Jordan's inability to force Israeli planes out of Jordanian airspace. The public's general awareness of the overflights is another factor which helps increase sympathy for the terrorists, now considered the only people doing anything to fight Israel, and thus further undermines Husayn's internal position.

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Iran - Saudi Arabia: Government representatives have initialed an agreement which should go far toward resolving the Persian Gulf median line dispute between the two governments. The agreement, which provides for a curving line based on the substructure of the gulf rather than a straight line as proposed by an earlier survey, is viewed by the Iranians as an important victory. The negotiators provided a safety buffer zone between competing oil companies in the area by ruling out any drilling within about one third of a mile of the agreed line. The agreement will probably not be signed formally until the Shah's visit to Saudi Arabia in November.

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